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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with John Matheni, NSC Staff

1. I talked with John Matheni, NSC staff, concerning the Mayaguez Post Mortem which they have provided to Mike Finley, on the staff of Representative Dante Fascell's (D., Fla.) House International Relations Committee, International, Political & Military Affairs Subcommittee. I told him that it was our understanding that people from GAO have been allowed to sit in on the discussions concerning the report. I also told him that it was our understanding that Finley was being permitted to keep the document overnight, which meant over the weekend. I told Matheni I had tried to get in touch with Les Janka, NSC staff, and in his absence talked with Cathy Bennett, of his staff, who said she would check into it. Matheni said he would check with his people and get back to me.

2. Shortly thereafter, Matheni called back and said that Jeanne Davis, who was handling this situation with Finley, told Finley that he had broken the guidelines set forth for the discussions. Matheni said that the document is now in their possession.

3. I told Matheni I called Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and offered the document to him but he said as long as there weren't any "shockers" in it, he didn't feel it necessary for them to have a copy of the Post Mortem. I then left it up to Matheni to provide the document to the Armed Services Committee.



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